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Duxbury Clipper

Community Garden Club Town Beautification Program

Since 1927, the volunteers of the Community Garden Club of Duxbury have contributed time, talent, plants and money to help create a beautiful and healthy environment for the people of Duxbury. This year the club's Town Beautification Program consists of 12 sites, those pictured here along with the Milepost Island, the King Caesar House garden, the Town Hall planters, Duck Hill Island, Millbrook Island and the garden at the intersection for Routes 14 and 139, the flagpole at the intersection of Washington Street and Powder Point Avenue, the Town Green and the Pier at Snug Harbor. Each of the sites is planted, watered and weeded for 16 weeks throughout the spring and into early fall. Over 100 dedicated volunteers have made this year's program an overwhelming success. Funding for this and the Community Garden Club's other civic activities is generated by the Greens Sale/Boutique to be held Dec. 9 in the Bertram Center at St. Margaret's and the Spring Plant Sale in May.

The pier at Snug Harbor is decorated with four patio planters flourishing with tall sunflowers, morning glories, and huge cherry tomato plants.

Thanks to the talent and generosity of the Community Garden Club, the Town Green on



Suzanne Blanchard and Pam Campbell-Smith decided to "go tropical" after being inspired by a trip to Sarasota, Fla. and viewing Saint Armand's Circle. Fortunately the town recently installed an irrigation system, making it much safer and easier for the volunteers to maintain this site at the Hall's Corner flagpole.

Washington Street has become a pleasant place for family and friends to gather. The Garden Club donated many plants and shrubs and assists the town in maintaining the new perennial garden in the center of the Town Green.



The committee of volunteers maintaining this garden at the Tobey Garden Street Island is led by Julia Lizza.



The roundabout on Route 14 greets visitors to the town with a beautiful garden that changes with each season. Stephanie Pierce and Michelle Chase designed and planted this site using plants that are 24 inches or lower in height to maintain visibility. They selected iris, autumn sedum, Russian sage, bird's nest pine, tulips and daffodils.